

Admiral Courbet was endeavouring to occupy Tamsui with a small force. The smallness, and, as the report showed, the insufficiency of force with which the Admiral endeavoured to effect the occupation of this island, the fact that no effort has since been made to repeat the operation, and the limited area occupied by the French, all prove that Admiral Courbet was not met with an

To obtain the complete control of northern Formosa, Admiral Kuroki will probably require a reinforcement of two or three thousand men. The occupation of the whole of the northern ports is contemplated, then, the French will require altogether there about ten thousand men. But where these troops to be obtained? They cannot be spared from Tonquin because the heavy Chinese armies are concentrated on the frontier; they do not seem to be coming out from France. And Formosa is to be blockaded until considerable reinforcements can reach Cebu, Cebu, Cebu, or until the northern part of the island is brought under French control; we can see no prospect of the Formosan trade being reopened until the Spring.

in custody of the eleven men who are charged, we believe, with killing or more members of a hostile clan, take the community somewhat by surprise. It was generally expected that the men who have been handed

discharged, and that the men who have been set free would be rendered—we may be allowed to use a convenient word which is not in the dictionary. The offence of the two men has been given up, and possibly

onical nature. They were villagers
even into rebellion by excessive
taxation and, as rebels, they attacked
a body of two hundred soldiers, and
killed several of these 'braves' before
they had time to run away. All this
is clearly shown by the evidence

the letters of our correspondents who visited the district at the time. The evidence against the eleven men was taken in public, and we are able to say whether it justified their rendition or not. But in regard to the other 100,000, there is no

ved protection, as political enemies, more than Communists, and others, who gave in wholesale slaughter out of pure devilment, and yet find shelter under the British flag. These two Wei-nan men were in arms against the execution and the raciality of Chinese off-

plead their cause here. There were lawyers engaged to obtain their redemption, and these intensely ignorant Chinese villagers from the mainland were practically at their mercy. The whole business is a disgrace to the Government, and a disgrace to the Chinese people on the other hand.

have been discharged were, or presumably be, Roman Catholic converts, and the priests, from Bishop Raimondi downwards, were turning every stone to procure their release. We presume the action of the local Government was directed, in both cases, by instructions

er, that the decision of a distant court
appeal must depend very much on
a way in which a case is presented.
a fear that equal justice has not been
done in these two cases.

**SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO
CHINA MAIL.**
(Per Great Northern Telegraph Co.'s Line.)
Amoy, Oct. 25th, 10.49 a.m.

She was stopped at that port by the French, who refused to allow her to discharge any cargo or to permit any one on board to land.

are at six o'clock this morning.
The blockade of Formosa is complete
and rigorous.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, Oct. 23.
THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.
Parliament was opened to-day by Royal
commission.
The Queen's Speech refers to the painful
necessity and the want of information

men exist as to the state of affairs in the
bouda, and applauds the energy, courage
and resource displayed by General Gordon
in the defence of Khartoum. It states that
troops are advancing to the rescue of Don-
gola, and that further pecuniary provision

The Speech expresses regret at the state of affairs on the Transvaal frontier, which demands significant attention, and the Government has under consideration the

The introduction of a Bill for the extension of the Franchise is announced, and no other Bills will be brought before Parliament at the present sitting.

The House of Lords voted the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne after a short debate.

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